

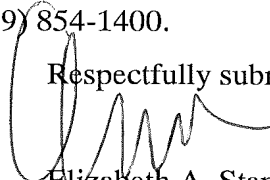
REMARKS

Appellants provide the present Amendment Responsive to the Decision on Appeal mailed January 29, 2010. The Decision states that the rejection of Claim 34 has been reversed. *See* Decision, page 13. Accordingly, Appellants have rewritten Claim 34 in independent form including all the recitations of independent Claim 31, have amended the dependency of Claim 33 to depend from allowable Claim 34 and have cancelled Claims 31-32 from the present application. Appellants have also amended the dependency of Claims 3 and 5 to depend from Claim 33 and have cancelled Claims 1-2, 4 and 6-13 from the present application. Accordingly, Appellants respectfully submit that independent Claim 34 and the claims that depend therefrom are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested in due course.

Appellants have also amended independent method Claim 14 to include method recitations corresponding to the recitations of allowable Claim 34. Appellants have cancelled Claims 15, 17, 20-32 and 35-36 from the present application. Accordingly, Appellants respectfully submit that amended Claim 14 and the claims that depend therefrom are in condition for allowance for at least these reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 34

Accordingly, in view of the above, Appellants respectfully submit that the above-entitled application is now in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

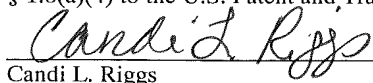


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